



# Stockbridge-Munsee Community

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Dear Governor Walker:

I am writing you today as a proud member of the Stockbridge-Munsee Band of Mohican Indians, to urge that you put a stop to the unlawful expansion of Ho-Chunk Nation's ancillary gaming facility in Wittenberg into a full-blown casino-resort. The expansion from an ancillary facility into a casino-resort is a breach of the Ho-Chunk Nation's gaming compact with the State of Wisconsin and will disproportionately hurt the Stockbridge-Munsee people.

Our tribe's economic lifeblood relies on the revenue from the North Star Mohican Casino Resort, which is located only 16 miles from the already non-compliant Ho-Chunk Wittenberg site. Not only will this non-compliant expansion impact our tribe, it will also ripple to the reservation's surrounding townships and Shawano County, because the Stockbridge-Munsee Tribe is the largest employer in Shawano County.

The Ho-Chunk Wittenberg expansion puts the future of the Stockbridge-Munsee and the hundreds of County families who rely on us at risk. While other Wisconsin tribes will also see multi-million dollar losses as a result of the Wittenberg expansion, the impact on the Stockbridge-Munsee is by far the greatest, with annual machine revenue at the North Star Mohican Casino Resort projected to drop by \$22 million, or nearly 37 percent, according to a recently commissioned economic impact study.

The Oneida Nation of Wisconsin, Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin, Bad River Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians and the Mole Lake Sokaogon Chippewa Community echo our concerns about the long-term negative consequences if state gaming compacts are not fairly enforced for all tribes. Together, we respectfully and urgently request that you put a stop to the Ho-Chunk Nation's unlawful Wittenberg expansion and maintain the stable gaming landscape in the State of Wisconsin.

Sincerely,

Proud Member of the Stockbridge-Munsee Band of Mohican Indians